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SUBJECT: INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE VISIT TO GREENLAND, JUNE 1977

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1. DENMARK, CANADA AND THE FRG HAVE INVITED THE INFRA-
STRUCTURE COMMITTEES TO VISIT NATO INFRASTRUCTURE AND
RELATED NATIONAL FACILITIES ON SELECTED DATES DURING THE PERIOD
31 MAY - 3 JULY. THE DANISH LEG OF THE TRIP WILL ACTUALLY BE IN
GREENLAND IN ORDER TO IMPRESS ON NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT NORTH ATLANTIC OUTPOST. THIS LEG
WILL FOLLOW THE CANADIAN LEG.

2. THE DANISH AUTHORITIES HAVE SUGGESTED TO US THAT ONE
DAY BE SET ASIDE FOR A SHORT VISIT AND BRIEFING AT ONE OF
THE USAF STATIONS ON THE INLAND ICE. THEY BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE A USEFUL DEMONSTRATION OF DANISH-US COOPERATION
IN GREENLAND AND WE ENDORSE THAT VIEW.
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3. WE HAVE IN MIND AN OPERATION WHICH CAN BE CARRIED
OUT BETWEEN BREAKFAST AND SUPPER, INVOLVING MINIMUM
EFFORT BY USAF STATION PERSONNEL AT THE SITE AND INCLUD-
ING A BRIEFING OF WHATEVER INFORMATION CAN BE RELEASED ON
USAF OPERATIONS IN GREENLAND. DEPENDING ON TIMING AND
FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE STATION, THE DANISH AUTHORI-
TIES COULD PROBABLY PROVIDE BOX LUNCHES FOR THE VISITORS.

4. ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT DANISH PLAN, THE COMMITTEES
WILL BE AT NARSSARSSUAQ ON 1 JUNE, WILL PROCEED TO

GROENEDAL BY SHIP ON 2 JUNE, AND WILL RETURN TO NARSSARSSUAQ ON EITHER 3 OR 4 JUNE. IN ANY CASE, THEY WOULD LIKE TO CONFINE THE VISIT TO THE SOUTHERN AREA OF GREENLAND. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE IS A USAF INLAND STATION WITHIN REACH OF THE ABOVE POINTS, OR IF WE MUST PROPOSE A CHANGE IN THE ITINERARY.

5. TRANSPORT MAY BE A PROBLEM. THE CANADIANS WILL BE PICKING UP THE GROUP AT NARSSARSSUAQ BUT WE ASSUME THAT FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT OF THAT SIZE (PROBABLY AT LEAST CONVAIR-EQUIVALENT) CANNOT LAND AT AN INLAND STATION. WE HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT USAF MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER TRANSPORT, USING EQUIPMENT NORMALLY AVAILABLE FOR LOGISTIC PURPOSES. STRAUSS-HUPE

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